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FAIN SENTS AND FAIN STAMPS.

Hwot wil yū giv for a sent ov 1803? iz œi olmóst déli ripíted kwíri ov sum nû klémant for nûmizmatik informéçun. Purhaps hí haz sín a nûzpépur ártikl stétiŋ œat at òkçun sél, an 1803 bròt $10, or purhaps hí haz sum frend hû haz an 1804 for hwic hí rifūzd $20, and nóz nó rízun hwai hiz cud not bí íkwuli valyuabl. Anuœur pursun wil send us a list ov œe déts ov hiz Amerikan koinz rikwestiŋ an ofur for œem, and supóziŋ œat iz òl œat iz neseseri for us tu nó bifór purcasiŋ. Or purhaps it iz a kolekçun ov póstej stamps, ov hwic œe pozesor givz us œe numbur it konténz and wonts us tu mék a bid for it.

Sumtaimz it iz wiœ œe grétest difiikulti œat wí kan mék œi enkwairur undurstand œat œe valyū ov œèr propurti dipendz in grét méjur upon its kondiçun, and not mírli upon its rariti or numbur, but a móments riflekçun wil konvins œi ejyukéted pursun. In òl objeks ov kûriositi œe móst purfekt spesimenz ár œe móst valyuabl; if it iz a mineral or çel, its saiz, kulur and çép ár dûli apríçiéted, if an óld or rèr buk, œat it çud bí wel prizurvd, wiœ œe lívz, baindiŋ and ilustrécunz òl entair iz ov grét importans, and hwotevur it mé bí, œe coisest òlwez ríalaiz œi haiest prais.

Œe sém rûl iz aplikabl boœ tu koinz and stamps. A sent ov 1803 iz veri ízili obténd, and not mór œan wun out ov a duzn iz wurœ sêviŋ, hwail wun œat haz bin léd asaid and riténz its orijinal braitnes, or ívn if it haz bikum bronzd bai taim, but haz lòst nun ov œe fainli engrévd lainz about œe hèr, aiz or lívz, wil redili briŋ $10; ívn a koin ov muc létur dét, suc az 1830 or 1840 if a fain unsurkûléted pís briŋz from $5 tu $10. If œe koin iz veri rèr howevur, ívn if not fain it wil sumtaimz briŋ a gud prais, az a sent ov 1799, a kwín An fárœiŋ, or a háf daim ov 1802. Hwen rariti and fainnes ár boœ yúnaited in œe sém pís œen œe prais iz grétli inkríst, and a sent ov 1793 hwen veri fain and a rèr varaiiti sumtaimz briŋz $50 or mór.

Œis iz œe rízun œat só meni pípl ár disapointed in œe valyū ov œèr koinz. Œé get togeœur a lot ov sents hwic ár in nain késez out ov ten ov komon déts and háf ov œem if óld wunz só muc wórn bai surkûléçun œat œe dét and muc ov œe líjend iz ilejibl, and haviŋ hurd ov sum ekstrordineri praisez for unsurkûléted koinz, œé supóz èr ón tu bí ov íkwul valyū. At prezent œèr iz a grét réj for fain sents, sum pípl hav kolekçunz hwic hav kost œem óvur $1000, hwail an ordineri set from 1793 tu 1871 kan bí obténd for $25. In òl uœur koinz tū œé ár bikumin mór pártikyular œan formurli, hwail for komon písez œèr iz but litl sél, fain wunz ar rapidli advansiŋ.

In póstej stamps olsó òl œe best kolekturz ár veri partikyúlar about œe stamps œé obtén, espeçuli in œe siti hwèr œé hav betur fasilitiz for cúziŋ gud spesimenz: œèr ár veri fû hû kolekt ónli unyúzd stamps, but œèr ár meni hû wud raœur pé dubl, œan tu hav a stamp œat iz badli soild, or œe márjin/ injurd. Œe kanseléçun iz not az sum supóz, eni prótekçun agenst kounturfits, but sévz œe kolektur œe veksécun ov síiŋ ríprints ov old içyúz hwic ár hárdli distiŋgwiçabl, ofurd at a tenu œe prais hí haz péd for orijinalz.

LIST OF WESTERN LOCALS.

Alta express (view) black on 3c. env. of 1853.
Bacon and Hardy, scroll—.
Bamber J & Co. Contra Costa ex, paid, oval, blue on—1861.
Bamber & Co's pd. ex. Scroll with fancy ends, black on 3, 12, 24 '61
" "Scroll curled on 3 white, buff, 40, 65.
" W. B. Hardy's office 3 white, buff. '64.
" " official 6, 12, 24. 61.
Buchanan & Co. Cannon city ex. br. red on —64.
Ballou & Co's Cariboo ex. pd. oblong black on—.
Brit. Col. and Victoria ex. Co. paid from Victoria to Lytton or Lilooet, round, black on—
" "pd. from Vict. to Tale or Douglass black on white—.
Bedford & Co's ex. to Cal. 2 Astor house, large 10 in centre, black on—,
Central Overland Cal, and Pike's Peak ex. Co. San Francisco, red on ordinary env.
Dodge & Co. Panama—.
Dougherty & Martins Half Moon Bay and Pescadoro ex. blue on 3, 61.
Downie Villa and Howland, Flat ex—.
English & Wells, Moore's Flat and Eureka ex. oblong black on 3, 64.
Evarts Wilson and Co. obl. black. on—.
Evarts Davis and Co. black on—.
Freeman & Co's ex. over our Cal. and Coast routes, scroll, red on 3, 53.
Fox's Chester P. Half Moon Bay and S. F. ex—.
Gregory and English's, Moore's Flat and Eureka ex. paid, connecting with Wells & Co. at Nevada City, brown and black on 3, 64.
Greathouse and Slicer on 10, 53.
Greenhood and Newbauer, Northern ex. obl. black on buff 3, 61; 3, 64.
Grant & Taggart's Weaverville and Shasta ex. black on 3 buff 64.
Harrier's D. W. ex. black on—, purple on—, red on—, 64.
Henderson & Co's, coast ex, oval, blue on—.
Holladay, Overland mail and ex. blk on 3 buff 64.
Holland, Morley & Co's ex. scroll, b ack on 3. 61
Holland and Wheeler's ex. scroll, red on—.
Hopkinson's ex. obl. red on—.
Hunt & Hart's Warren ex. 50c. black on. 3, 64.
Kennedy & Co's Half Moon B y and Pescadoro ex. obl. blue on 3 white buff—.64.
Kennedy Long & Co's Half Moon Bay and Pescadoro ex. black on— 4.
Kenson's Owens river ex. obl. red on—.
Kersey's J. D. ex. black on—.
Lamping & Co's pd. obl. b ack on 3 lemon 64, black on 6 rose on buff 64, black on 12, 61.
Langton's paid Pioneer ex. Fancy transverse oval, black on 3, 53, blue on—, red on—, Fancy obl. black on white, 3, 64.
La Porte ex. Co. paid obl. black on 3 lemon 64, black on 6 buff 64.
Lotta Mountain ex. paid, obl. 2 varieties of blue on 3, 64. black on—.
Lockwood, C. M. & Co's Canyon city ex. black on 3, 64.
Langton's Nevada mail and ex. Co. paid black on 3 buff 64.
Mead & Clarke's ex, over our Clear Creek route black on —. 64.
Nevada city & Meadow lake ex. black on—64.
Nicols and Co's. ex. black on 3 white 53.
Norman's G. H. ex. obl. black on—64.
Oroville & Susanville ex. paid oval blue on—64, blue on 3— W. F. & Co.
Organ and Tibbetts Excelsior ex.—.
Overl nd ex. via Los Angelos, red on—,53.
Pacific ex, horseman black on—.
Pacific stage & ex. Co paid, obl. black on 3, 61. blue on 3, 61, red on —.
Pacific Union ex. Co. paid scroll. rose and red on white and buff 3, 6, 64, rose on 12, 65.
Pattison's ex. obl. black on—.
Pauly's N. O. ex. obl. black on—.
Pauly and Northman's ex—.
Public letter box, 5 Kearney st. obl. blue on—64.
Public P. O. horseman—.
Private P. O. obl. 15 and 25c. blue on—64.
Robinson & Co's San Francisco ex. scroll, blue—.
San Francisco le ter ex. horseman, blue—.
Salmon River & Nez Perce's ex. Paid 75 cents. obl. black on—.
Swift & Co's ex. black on 10 white, buff 53.
Thomas & Skaden's ex. Susanville & Reno, connecting with Wells Fargo & Co. on 3 buff, white, official 6, 1871.
Tibbett & Co's Excelsior ex. obl blk. on white 64.
Tinnin & Owen's Weaverville & Shasta ex. obl. black on—, 3 white, 64.
Truman & Chapman's ex. obl. black on 3, 61.
Truman & Co's ex. office in S. F. oblong blue, black on, —64.
"paid, black on 3,—64.
" Merchants exchange building, Battery St. opposite P. O. black on 3, 64.
" S. F. and S. I. R. ex, black on 3, 64.
Tracy & Co. Oregon ex. paid, streamer, black on 3 white 61.
Wand & Davis ex. oval, blue on—,64.
Wells & Herring's Moore's Flat & Eureka ex. connecting with Wells Fargo on 3 lemon 71.
" paid through, angel blue on 3 white, 64.
Wheeler's ex. scroll, blk. on 3 white, yellow 64.
Whiting & Co's Feather river ex. brown on—64.
" black on 3 buff, white 64.
" handstruck, oval, black on 3. 64.
Wheeler, Rutherford & Co's paid ex. scroll, black on 3 white 61.
Wells Butterfield & Co—.
Wood & Co's ex. black on 3—64.
Zack's snow shoe ex. obl. black on—.

WELLS FARGO & CO'S. PAID ENVELOPES.

Cal. and Coast routes, black on all envelopes from 1853 to present date.
Boise mines 50 c. in red on 3 white 61.
China and Japan Ex.——
Victoria and Brit Col. yellow env.
" Vancouvers I. white env.
Mexican Coast & Cal. ex. 25c. in black on 3 white, lemon, buff 64.
For Mexican ports paid 25 c. in red on—.
Paid 25 c. black on—,61.
Mexican and Coast routes, 25 black on 3, 64.
Cal. and Coast routes are also printed at the end of various U. S. envelopes, with different advertisements at the top.
Cal. and Atlantic ex. red on 10 buff 53. 10 white 61; black on env. from 1861 to 65.

½ oz. paid St. Joseph to Placerville, per Pony ex. on end of 10 white 61.
Paid via Omaha N. T. in red scroll on 3 white 53.
Paid 2½c. for the interior of Lower California only, plain env. brown, buff.
39 and 40 Court square Boston—.
25c. ½ oz. Pony Express rose on 3c. 1861.

LIST OF PRIVATE REVENUES.

Since our last list quite a number of new revenue stamps have turned up and there are others still which we have not seen; to any one showing us a stamp unknown to us we will give 25 cts. In our previous list we stated that three or four in our catalogue we had not seen but copied them from cotemporary journals. We are inclined to believe that the following do not exist:

Jos. Burnett & Co. 6c. black.
Demas B rues (house) 1c red.
The E. Heaton & J. L. Joyce stamp is only a private patent.

In place of D. Ransom & Co. 1 black, it should be 2 black, and Zisemann Griesheim & Co should be 1 green, 1 blue.

* American Match Co. Eagle. 1 black, 1 green. Head 1c.black, 3c. black.
Brown Dr. C. F. Am,n. Liniment.1c. blue.
* Barber Geo. & O. C. 3c. black.
* Brown & Durling 1c. black, 1c. green.
Collins Bros. 1c. black.
* Curtis W. D. 1c. green.
Davis Perry & Son 2c. brown.
* Doolittle W. E. 1c. blue.
Goodall Charles 5c. black.
Harter Dr. & Co. 1 black.
Herrick's Dr. pills, Co. 1 black.
Hazeltine E. T. 4c. black.
Husband T. J. 2c. mauve.
Lippman's great German Bitters. 4c. blue.
Littlefield Alvah, 4c. green.
* Natl. Union Match Co. (wrapper) 1 black.
* Powell V. R. long 1 black.
Zeiler & Co. morter 2c. blue.

We notice the first No. for July of a new Magazine entitled "The old curiosity shop," in appearance similar to the Atlantic Monthly has been started by Harlow E. Woodward son of W. E. Woodward the well known Coin dealer and Antiquarian 258 Dudley st. Boston Mass, at $1. per year, postage paid.

It contains 44 pages of reading matter much of which will be found interesting to Antiquarians, among other articles is one on "Ancient Games," from the pen of W. H. Strobridge, our authority on Ancient coins.

NEWLY ISSUED & UNDESCRIBED STAMPS.

ANTIOQUIA. Similar to 1 peso 1869 but larger letters, 1 peso rose. The 2½-5-10 and 20 centavos are now printed on thicker paper.

ALSACE & LORRAINE. We learn that a new issue are in preparation, bearing the Prussian eagles.

AUSTRIA. We have just obtained a 5 kr. pink postmarked Pesth like the 1858 issue evidently of a new set.

AZORES. The 5 and 10 reis new type are on.

BRAZIL. Head of king, 300 reis.

DENMARK. Official stamps similar to engraving in last No. 2 skillings blue 4 red 16 green.

FIJI IS. The complete set of express stamps are 1 penny, 3, 6 pence and 1 shilling black on rose.

FRANCE. The 15 c. chiffre tax is now said to be lithographed.

LIVONIA. The "Packenmarke" stamp is now printed a yellow green. The stamp with a griffin is now superseded by one with "Briefmarke" at top, "Wendenschen kreises" at bottom, green centre, surrounded by white band, outside red.

MAURITIUS. Some sheets of the 9 pence were found at the P. O. printed in green.

PHILIPPINE IS. Same as 1870 Cuba, but without date. Perforated 5c. de Esco blue, 10 green, 20 brown, 40 pink, unperforate, 10 green.

PORTUGAL. 100 reis violet.

RUSSIA. Local for Bordiansk, 10 kopeks, black, and green, Local for Yver, value in centre 2 k. red and blue, circular.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. We have not noted the 4d. surcharged 3d. in blue, and understand that the colors are again changed.

TASMANIA. Issue of 1871 3 pence red brown, 6 shillings violet.

There are a large number of Post Cards we have not noticed among among which are:

BAVARIA. Large size, black on buff. Adhesive stamp to go in upper right hand corner.

CANADA 1 cent blue on buff.

DENMARK. "Brev Kort" at top. Stamp similar to 1870 issue printed in upper corner.
2 skillings blue, 4 red.
"Tjeneste brev kort," Official stamp blue, engraving in June No., 2 skillings blue, 4 red, 16 green.

FRANCE. Quite a number of army post cards are said to exist of which we have no connected list.

HOLLAND. "Brief kaart" at top, stamp similar to the present arms series, 2½ centimes violet. We have also seen a similar card without stamp.

HUNGARY. "Levelezeki lap, Correspondenz karte." 2 kr. yellow on buff. Post card 5 kr. red on green.

NORTH GERMAN. "Norddeutsches post brief," large size, 1 groschen stamp in corner, buff.

WURTEMBURG. "Konigl Wurtembergisches postgebiet," stamp like envelope stamp in corner, 1 kr. green, 3 blue.

We can sell the 90 cent stamp carmine present issue to dealers at $2 per 100.

LIST OF COINS FOR JULY.

We purchased last month a fine lot of coins for $700 containing 16000 Foreign coins and medals including curious old German, Spanish, French, Dutch and other European coins, many of them with dates prior to 1600, from which we can supply to dealers by Express:

1000 well mixed Foreign, all good for $30.
1000 " second quality $15.

The balance of the lot including some of our previous stock comprises:

SILVER COINS.

HOLLAND PEACE MEDALS OF 1782 ALL SIZE 28.
"Libera Soror" Indian holding shield with 13 stars, Britannia standing, very fine $60 00
"Faustissimo foedere junctæ, Fame on clouds holding shield with 13 stars, very fine 30 00
Indian with shield inscribed "De verkenig de staaten van Noord America" fine, 10 00
Cromwell set, Crown, ½ do. & shilling fine, 40 00
" shilling good (duplicate) 5 00
Elizabeth crown, to ½ &c. 14 pieces fine 25 00
" shilling good 1 00
" 6d. 3d. 2d. 1d and ½d. all good ea. 40
Commonwealth ½ crown, 3 1. sh, 2d. 1d ½d. all good 10 00
Geo. III. Northumberland shilling uncirc. 2 50
Wm. & May crown, ½ do, 4d. 3d. 2d. 5 pieces good 6 00
Mary groat fine 2 00
Philip Z Maria groat good 2 00
Anne ½ crown fine 1 50
Ceylon dollar " 2 00
Ferdinand VII. 1808 dollar octaoni 4 00
Maximilian ½ dollar good 1 00
" Dime and half dime 40
TETRADRACHMS: Alexander fine size 20 8 00
" smaller fine 5 00
" " good 3 00
Mes enia, a rabbit, rev. horse 5 00
Philip, good 5 00
– Side Helmeted head, rev. angel good 4 00
Didrachm, Fig. on dolphins rev. horseman 2 00
Drachms: Alexander good 1 50
Philip, good 1 05
API BAPZAN, 1 50
Fore part of bull, rev. indented square 2 50
Rhodes, rev. a rose good 1 50
Pine tree shilling, very fine large size 10 00
" " " small " 10 00
" good both sizes 5 00
Geo. III. India peace medal. 1767 5 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Brass coin of NEW YORKE IN AMERICA, rare 25 00
Excelsior cent very good 25 00
Rhode Island medal brass 1779 good 3 00
42 varieties of Admiral Vernon medals (Canadian) selected 35 00
12 varieties duplicates of the above 8 00
Single copies 1739 to 1741 50

A collection of 150 copper medals from 1500 to 1700 with Latin legends and curious devices the size of cents but thinner, all fine $25 00

We have two beautiful specimens of the $200. U. S. revenue stamp, one is on thick paper black on green which we will sell for $10, the other is gummed and perforate, brown and black for $20.

LETTER OF MAJ. GEN. LORD STIRLING.

From the collection of D. M. Collins 87th. Street near 1st ave. N. Y. City.

BASKINGRIDGE Dec. 5, 1779.

SIR

It is not within the line of my department in the Army to regulate the Hospitals of it nor the situation of them, the Director General of the Hospitals regulates these matters, yet to show you and the whole Congregation how satisfactory it would be to me that your place of divine worship be preserved for that purpose only, I do most readily consent that any houses of mine (except this place) may be made use of as hospitals for the Army particularly those you mention. I am your most humble servant

STIRLING.

EDWARD LEWIS Esq.

We find that several parties are making collections of the Western envelopes with local stamps on them for which they are paying from 5 cents to $1 apiece in anticipation we suppose that in time they will be able to get a complete set; we give a list of all the varieties we know of compiled for us by C. H. Coster of this city, numbering over 200, but we are satisfied that there are nearly twice as many. We shall be glad to purchase of our California subscribers half a dozen of each variety on whole envelopes which is the only way they should be saved. Those of Wells Fargo & Co. on current issues of U. S. envelopes can be obtained at their office in this city.

Many applications are made to us for a good stamp album at a moderate expense. Scotts $5 album answers pretty well, except that it soon falls to pieces, and the $10, and $50, albums are too cumbersome. We think most small collectors who do not get a blank book made to order, will be better suited with Kline's illustrated album 5th. edition. This is is a square album of about 300 pages with a descriptive catalogue on one side and numbered spaces on the other, neatly bound in muslin. It does not contain spaces for all the new issues, which is always the case after an album is a few months old, but there are plenty of blank leaves to make up the deficiency. We have secured a stock of these albums which we can furnish at $1 50 each. A discount to dealers by the dozen.

We have seen what purports to be postage stamds of Japan, they are on thin rice paper, square, elaborately engraved frame of dragons &c. with Japanese characters of value in centre brick red, dull green. There is another value we have not seen.

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